इमोलेशन हो रहा है । कम से कम इस पर चर्चा कराइए और इसी सेशन में चर्चा कराए ।

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: May I put my second supplementary?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Yes, put your second supplementary.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: As my honourable colleague, Mr. Jitendra Prasada, said it is a very serious problem.

पूरे देश में 3 लाख गांवों में पीने का पानी नहीं है । क्या हर गांव से एक-एक व्यक्ति को अपने को जलाना पड़ेगा पीने के पानी के लिए ? सरकार सीधे-सीधे जवाब दे .... **(व्यवधान)**...

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : महोदय, इस पर हाफ-एन-ऑवर डिस्कशन होना चाहिए.. **(व्यवधान)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then, you give notice for a half-an-hour discussion.

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी : यह आपके 50 साल के विकास का नतीजा है .... **(व्यवधान)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please give notice for a half-an-hour discussion. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

*242. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three divisions of Indian Oil Corporation viz. Pipelines Division, Marketing Division and Refinery Division follow different rules in regard to transfer of employees and observance of gazetted holidays; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not following uniform rules in all the three divisions when the Indian Oil Corporation is under one Chairman?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) and (b) The considerations for transfers in different Divisions of IOC relate to the specific requirements of that Division in regard to organisational, technical and managerial skills and the development of the potential of the employees through exposure to different functions, technologies and work environment. The holidays differ slightly among the three Divisions and take into account the local practice and the understanding with the employees' collectives. These are finalised in consultation with the officers' and employees' unions.

Quality of diesel manufactured by public sector refineries

*243. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the diesel manufactured by the public sector Indian Refineries is 250 times dirier than the world's best; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to improve the diesel quality?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY):

(a) Purity of diesel (HSD) is normally measures in terms of Surphur content. Most of the advanced countries like USA and European countries have Sulphur specification in diesel at 0.05 weight percent maximum. In India, Public Sector Indian Refineries produce diesel strictly as per BIS specifications, which is currently 1 percent maximum and is to be 0.25 per cent

maximum w.e.f. April, 1999. However, in four metros and the Taj Trapezium, Sulphur content in diesel is even now limited to 0.25 percent maximum. Most of the PSU refineries supply diesel to other places also with Surphure content much below 1 percent.

(b) To supply 0.25 percent Sulphur diesel throughout the country Public Sector Refineries are implementing diesel hydrosulphurization projects at various locations at a cost of about Rs. 5600 crores.

Freedom fighters' pension

*245. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications from freedom fighters' pending with Government as on date, Statewise;

b) what steps are being taken to speed up the disposal of pension cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that many cases are pending for more than last ten years without proper correspondence; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to improve the early disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The Government of India received 6,17,183 applications for grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension out of which the Pension in respect of 1,64,135 persons was sanctioned after due verification and recommendations of the State Governments and the remaining applications were rejected. The Government have received several review petitions. As on 11.12.1998, out of 4,168 review petitions pending as on 30.11.1998, 1,731 have been disposed and 2,437 review petitions are under consideration. Efforts are being made to dispose of all these review petitions expeditiously.

There are, however, applications for grant of freedom fighters' pension in respect of Hyderabad Liberation Movement and regional movements of Kerala which have been referred to the concerned State Governmeents and their responses are awaited.

permanent defence structure on Indo-Pak border in Punjab

*246. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to sttae:

(a) whether Government have informulated a plan to build permanent defence structures for manning the sensitive Indo-Pak border in Punjab;

(b) whether in the absence of such permanent defence structure, how many times defence forces of Pakistan tried to infiltrate into our territory during the last one year; and

(c) the steps taken by Govenmenr to check any type of infiltration by Pakistanis into our territory?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) During peace time, Punjab portion of the Indo-Pak border is manned by the Border Security Force. This portion of the border has been almost completely fenced and border observation posts and watch towers have been constructed for border management in peace time. For war, the army has constructed permanent defence structures the details of which cannot be divulged for security reasons.

Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to tackle infilation and military which include, inter-alia, strengthening border management, gearing up the intelligence machinery, well-coordinated and